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## NEW HUNTING REGULATION PROVISION

With waterfowl seasons now in full swing in many parts of the country, the Fish and Wildlife Service today reminded hunters that the head and feet of dressed migratory game birds must not be removed "until transportation ceases."

As a means of identification for game agents and customs inspectors, dressed birds are required to have the head, head plumage, and feet attached, according to a new provision in this year's Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.

Sportsmen who dress their birds in the field will not be inconvenienced by this new regulation, the Fish and Wildlife Service said. Birds can be easily plucked and drawn with the head and feet attached, it was explained.

The head, head plumage, and feet are perfect means for identifying most species of ducks and geese.

Hunters were also reminded by the Service that automatic-loading or repeating shotguns capable of holding more than three shells cannot be used. Plugs in such shotguns must be "incapable of being removed without disassembling the gun," according to another new provision in the 1948 duck hunting regulations. If the magazine cap has been removed, the gun is considered "disassembled," the Service explained.

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